HOUSE BILL 3027 By Kernell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, relative to boards, commissions and other governmental entities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, is amended by adding Sections 2 through 6 as a new chapter thereto.

SECTION 2. Unless otherwise provided by law, the provisions of this act shall apply to all boards, commissions, councils, agencies and other governmental entities which are subject to the Tennessee Governmental Entity Review Law, compiled in title 4, chapter 29.

SECTION 3. Each board, commission or agency which regulates a profession or occupation shall notify applicants in writing of any deficiency in any application, renewal, or retirement of a license, certificate or registration. Such notification shall be made within thirty (30) days of receipt of such deficient communication. Notification shall include a statement of the deficiency and the measures necessary to correct such deficiency.

SECTION 4. No citizen or public members of any board, commission or agency shall hold elected office. For the purposes of this section elected office shall include any elected office in federal, state or local government. Elected offices in educational, civic or charitable organizations shall not be subject to the provisions of this act.

SECTION 5. All members of boards, commissions or agencies shall, at the time of their appointment, live in the state of Tennessee.

SECTION 6. Members of boards, commissions and agencies who live outside of Tennessee shall receive reimbursement for travel expenses for meetings in Tennessee.

Reimbursement for such travel expenses shall be only for expenses incurred while traveling in the state of Tennessee. All reimbursement for travel expenses shall be in accordance with the provisions of the comprehensive travel regulations promulgated by the department of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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